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RESPONSE

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative, Nancy Johnson, during a telephone interview on January 29, 2001. During the interview, the Examiner and Ms. Johnson discussed the outstanding Action. Based upon the interview, Applicants elect ethylene-chlorotrifluoroethylene as the species of copolymer for the purposes of prosecution. Claims 1-4 and 7-27 read on this species.

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